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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION OF MARCH 21, 2006

Sir:

Applicants provide the present Amendment to address the issues raised in the Office Communication (the "Communication") mailed March 21, 2006. Applicants provide the present Amendment pursuant to the rules stated in revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121 that became effective on July 30, 2003.

It is not believed that an extension of time is required. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.